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Part B for Manjith

SUBJECT
Grant of land for the Construction of a Cinema at Bowringpet

A 13471 & 3 5'-46

To

The D C Kolar

Rejects the proposal with certain observations

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from the D.C. Kolaba
No AS/C 2094/44 - 817/4/4
Requests sanction to sell
certain site at Bombpalet to
one M. T. P. Hussain at an
upset price of Rs 1,300/- subject
to the conditions noted in the
letter for the construction of
a cinema at the place

2) In the circumstances
reported by the D.C, a draft go
is put up Sanctioning the
proposal for sale.

2) Submits
to a 27/4/45

No 264
5/5/45

3) Forwarded with compliments to the Secretary, Town Planning Committee
Government Architect for favour of
opinion of the site proposed to be
sold is suitable for the construction
of a cinema Theatre B.O
framed drawings
No 130 dd 15/5/1945 4/5 Dy Secy Town Planning Committee
17/5

4) (1) a site of 120' x 130' as proposed by the Dept
Commissioner is far too small
(2) According to the sketch plan (Flag "N") a site
of 150' x 200' is available to the

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This represents about the minimum required for a Cinema Theatre of moderate size, and may be granted to the party.

(3) The conditions proposed to be imposed on the party by the Municipality appear to be suitable. In addition, I would suggest that the party may be asked to comply with the new draft rules for Cinema Theatres which are available in the office of the Assistant Secretary Protection.

14/5/45

for 155 sq ft

The proposal of the Municipal to grant a site at an upset price of annas 12 per sq ft for the construction of a cinema to be run by T P Entertainments may be sanctioned, on the conditions referred to by the Govt Architect. The site measuring 150' x 200', as suggested by the Govt Architect, may be agreed to be given

16/5 subject to the terms mentioned in para 3 supra

The terms proposed by the Govt will be communicated to the Municipality when the latter submits further proposals called for by them. The Municipality should also be asked to furnish a plan showing the site proposed to be granted to them.

16/5/45

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grant of land for the construction of a cinema at Bombay

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A draft letter is submitted for approval

Law Dept 21/5/46

LAW DEPT 9016.30 GOVT OF MYSORE

8/ Cir 22/5/46

9/ Issue for approval

To,

The D.C. Kolar

h 11722 of 6-6-46

calls for certain information

Dist A
Mysore
16/6

This information has been received

12/8/46

from the D.C. Kolar vide

No A5 C 209/146 of 16/7/46

furnishes the information called for

10/ The report of the D.C. shows as to why the Bombay Municipal Town Council proposes to grant a site measuring 120' x 130' to one M T P Hussain at an upset price of Rs 1,300 for the construction of a cinema

11/ On receipt of the information, the proposal to grant the site

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to Mr T P Hussain at the highest price noted above is subject to the grant of the plot, however suggest that the party may be given site to the extent of 150'x200' the minimum required for the construction of a Cinema and the Govt are agreeable to grant the site to the extent proposed by the govt Architect and

12) subject with reference to para 6 supra

13) The resolution of the Municipality dated 15/8/45 that an extent of land measuring 200'x150' may be given away at Rs 0/12/- per sq yd to Mr T P Hussain for the erection of a cinema at Mysore, subject to the usual conditions may be approved.

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY No 1391 D 27 GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

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14) Minister for agr

15) I agree to the disposal of the site for constn of a Cinema Theatre under the conditions prescribed above, but we propose including completion with the new diff- rules regd to be made by the G A

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that the site is sold by public auction for the purpose subject to these conditions thus we obviate criticism and/or allegations of favouritism, & might also ~~bring~~ fetch a higher price for the site

MWS 31/8 JOW 1/9/45

Agr letter 1/9 hrs

16/

17/ Draft rec'd JM 27/9

18/ Issued 27/9 hrs

RECEIVING SEC 27 SEP 1945 GEN & REV SECTT

To, The D C Kolaba

2 2 & 7 9 & 4/10/45 calls for certain information

SubA 26/10

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No

2473/45-46

Bangalore,
24th January 1946

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Dear Sir Thumboo Chetty,

OFFICE OF T
FOR AG
JAN 28
No 4133

I write to acknowledge the receipt of your D O letter No.P.H 204/45-46 dated the 23rd January 1946 enclosing two representations received from Rev H.A Townsley, Methodist Church, Raichur, and the Indian Christians of Bowringpet protesting against the construction of a Cinema close to the Roman Catholic Church at Bowringpet. The matter is receiving attention

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) O Pulla Reddi

25/1

Minister for Revenue in charge
of the current duties of the Dewan

Amatya Siromani
Sir T Thumboo Chetty, O B.E ,
Private Secretary to His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE

DEWAN'S OFFICE
No 2473/45-46
Date 19

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Copy to the Revenue Secretary with the Private Secretary's letter and its enclosures, for calling for a report

Minister for Revenue in charge
of the current duties of the Dewan

Bangalore,
24th January 1946

Minister for Agr 28/1 for perusal in the first instance

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24) This relates to the disposal of a site at Sowrungpet for the construction of a cinema which was ordered by the govt to be sold in public auction as at para 15 supra as against the proposal made by the local bd to dispose the same by private treaty at upset price of Rs 1,300/- to one Mr Hussain

25) The govt Architect has also approved the site selected for the purpose vide para 4 of the notes

26) The report of the D C shows that the site has since been disposed in public auction for a sum of Rs 11,050/-

27) In connection with the objections received from the Christian residents of Sowrungpet against the grant of the land for the construction of a cinema close to the Roman Catholic church at the place, the D C says that:-

The said site was selected for a cinema theatre in sept '46 when there was a protest from the Muslim residents of the town against the selection of this site for the location of a cinema

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close to their quarters would cause inconvenience to the movement of their ladies the Muslims have, therefore, prayed that the site may be disposed of for building houses instead of which Government decided to have the site for a cinema alone, as it was intended for the construction of dwelling houses, being too close to the Kutub A Christian gentleman by name Mr. Israel who is a member of the Roman catholic church of Nowrangpel, participated in the de-cussion, then and made an protest against the grant of this site for a cinema purpose

28/ After the sale of the site was advertised, petitions from the christian residents were received protesting against the grant of the site for the construction of a cinema close to the Roman catholic church at the place, as cinema shows in the proximity would be an annoyance to worshippers during evening and midnight services on feast days

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and during occasional adoration in other parts of the year

2) the mil cl have, at their latest meeting, decided that, if a list of the dates and time of church services is furnished by the church authorities, the cinema proprietors would be required to stop the shows, whenever necessary

A/

3) the D-C, for reasons stated at para 3 of his report recommends that the scale of the site in question may be confirmed, as disturbance to the church by the proposed cinema would be occasional etc and could be remedied in the manner proposed by the mil cl. This condition would perhaps be embodied in the licence to be granted for using the shows

3) In the above circumstances, the protection Branch may be consulted in the first instance as to whether there is any provision in the Cinematograph Act to stop cinema shows as & when required, as proposed by the mil cl at 'A' above

3) Subject with reference to para 15, 1942 Arpora

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Mra 23/2/43 3-1 The detailed report

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received from the D.C Nellore District on the subject is for perusal with reference 1st para 1 of 1939. The D.C advises that, by the Construction of the church at the place, there would be disturbance from one cause or other for a church located on a busy thoroughfare in a growing town like Buvvireddipalem. It is proposed to be maintained in the manner proposed by not allowing shows on days that the time services in the church would be held. It would however be difficult to enforce this condition in practice

3) The D.C further adds that he has fetched a very good price by Rs 11,050 and that the amount would go along way to augment the funds of the Municipality which would enable it to carry on the much needed improvements in the Municipality. That the sale may accordingly be confirmed under Sec 38(2) of the Madras Town Planning Act 1933, the sale requires to be confirmed by the Govt whether no objections reported, it may be confirmed as proposed.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
FEB 27 1940
No 5085

The D-C Khulna has reported that he asked the Amil days, Burrowjhat to stop further action in the matter till final orders are received.

35) subs for perusal orders with reference to the orders at para 19 supra

Rev Secy) for 2/3/46

36) It seems best that the D-C sends for the representatives of the Mission & discusses the position on the spot with them and sends a final report. It is doubtful if the Church authorities would agree

Minister for Agr) 26/2

37) 6/3 7/3/46

38) Draft letter attd

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3) Submitted with a draft to the D C Kolar

7/3/46

4) 7/3/46

TYPING SECTION 7 MAR 1946 GEN & REV SECTT

To,

The D C Kolar at

No L 9145 & 9/3/46

7582 C/D

requesting certain instructions in the matter

of the petn & 23rd Feb 46 from the parish priest, Bowringpet on the matter

4a) The D-C was requested on 9/3/46 to submit a report within a fortnight. This may perhaps be granted till the end of this month subject to

4b) A copy of the above

ltr dated 20/3/46 letter may also be sent to the D.C. Kolar with a request for information

Rec'd 22/3/46

5) Dft please

6) Dft letter as proposed.

21/3/46

23/3/46

TYPING SECTION 25 MAR 1946 GEN & REV SECTT

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construction of cinema at
Sivaganga

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The D. C. Ramnad
L.No.10071 d. 29/3/46
calls for a report
from the Dy Coll. Kolar
Do. No. A5 682/46-1 d. 10.4.1946
Forwarded copy of the letter d. 7.4.46
received from Rev. Fr. C. Anthappa
Catholic priest

(2) Sub-Div. Officer, Kolar, has strongly forwarded a copy of letter received from Rev. Fr. Anthappa who says that the erection of Cinema is objectionable as that the Cinema advertisement shows will be a cause of disturbance both to the people resorting to the Church & to the priest who lives close by. Called for orders with reference to paras 3 & 7 above.

Ltr. dt. 12/4/46 487 The Dy. C. Kolar has forwarded his remarks in the matter vide para 3 above.

2 4 6 The Dy. C. of Police, Kolar has stated that the Cinema is close to the Church

against the proposal to build
a cinema at the Fort, for reasons
I ventured to explain in my letter dated 7th inst.
In the event, it is [redacted] order if the
Government of the Colony the site may not
be withheld under Sec. 8 (2) of
The Improvement Committees Act 1937
for sites & reservations &c. Cap 36 of 1937

12/4/46

5) Seems best to drop the
matter and Sale amount
has to be refunded to the Bank
Sale cannot be confirmed.

Minister for Agr.) 12/4/46

5a) 19/4

Draft reply as flagged

5b)
A draft reply as flagged for approval
26/4/46

5c) Ref: ordered Dewan (Reverse) for.
at para 4 above)
20/5) Dewan). 26/4

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE
APR 12 1946
No. 6398

DEWAN'S OFFICE
27 APR 1946
NO. 6654

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Ottawa ltr 110-46-8

2/5/46

TYPING SECTION
21 MAY 1946
GEN & REG SECTION

To,

The D C Kolar Asst.

2 13471 dt 3/6/46

Regrets the proposal with certain observations

B Rao 7/8.

No A5.C.2094/44-45.
Encl: one file.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
KOLAR DISTRICT,

Dated Kolar, the 17th April *1945.*

To

The Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Law Department, BANGALORE.

Grant of a site 120 x 130' to Mr T.P Hussein in Bowringpet Municipality.

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S i r,

In forwarding herewith a copy of the resolution of the Town Municipal Council, Bowringpet passed at their meeting held on 31-10-44 received from the President with his report No.H C 91/44-45, dated 11-1-45, on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the applicant Mr T P Hussein applied for the grant of a site measuring 200 x 150 Ft, for the construction of a Cinema on the site formerly used by the Municipality as a Bus Stand The Municipal Council after considering all the applications received in this behalf have resolved on 31-10-44, that a plot of measuring 120 x 130 Ft, may be granted to the applicant at an upset price of 12 annas per square yard subject to the condition that the Building should be constructed within a specified time and that the design and plan should be approved by the Government Architect etc

2. With a view to ascertain whether the site was suited for the construction of a Cinema Theatre and whether there was any force in some of the objections received against the grant of the site for the said purpose, I inspected the site on 11-4-45 with the Municipal President. I find that there are no valid objections to the disposal of the site in question, and that the site is also quite suited for the construction of a Cinema Theatre. In these circumstances, I request you to kindly obtain sanction of Government, to the resolution of the Municipal Council to sell the above said site to Mr.T P Hussein at an upset price of Rs 1300/- subject to the conditions noted in the said resolution.

3. The connected records accompany for kind reference.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.
(Absent from Station)

YSR.

L-11722-M 88-44-88

MR

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

6/6/1945

To,

The D C Kolaba

Sir

With reference to your letter no. A 5 -C 2096/Lan 2-17/4-/45 re- the grant of land to one M T P Hussein at Bowringgeft- at an upset price, I am directed to state as follows. -

(1) a site of 120' X 130' as proposed by you for the construction of a cinema, is far too small

(2) According to the sketch plan, a site of 150' X 200' is available and this represents about the minimum required for a cinema theatre of moderate size and ~~may be granted for the~~

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3) In addition to the ~~conditions imposed~~ conditions to be imposed on the party by the Board in this respect, the party may ~~further be asked~~ well have to comply with the new draft rules for the control of cinema theatres.

~~It may also~~

I am further to enquire as to why the land should not be auctioned, if it is likely to fetch a good price for the Mela- and ~~should~~ purna procession also set at rest the agitation for the grant of the land to a particular individual

Records accompany for necessary action and return herewith the reply

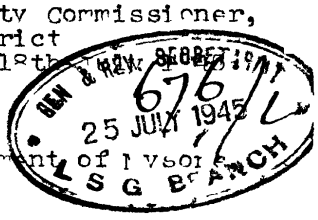
Thanking you

Yours faithfully

22-5-48

R.C.20/44.
Re. Cine File.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District
Dated, Kolar the 18th



To

The Additional Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore

Grant of a Municipal site in Bowringpet to Mr Hussain

Sir,

With reference to Law Secretariat's letter No I 11722 M1 88-44-88 dated the 6th June 1945 on the above subject, I have the honour to forward herewith the connected file of records received from the President of the Municipality with his No R C 21/44-45 dated 11/7/45 and to state as follows

The Municipal Council who considered the subject at the meeting held on 23/6/45 in the light of the observations conveyed in your letter under reply have resolved that the entire site measuring 200' x 150' may be granted to the applicant Mr Hussain @ Rs 8-12-0 per square yard for the construction of the Cinema. The Board that he is agreeable to abide by the condition that may be imposed by the Municipality under the revised rules prescribed for the construction of the Cinema building. As regards the question of putting the site to sale by public auction,

auction, the President states that the site is not suitable for construction of dwelling houses and that as there are no others ready to invest a heavy amount of Rs 50,000/- and above for the Cinema building, the Municipal Council have considered it desirable to grant the site in question to the applicant Mr T P Hussain The President of the Municipality has also recommended the grant as resolved by the Municipal Council In these circumstances I request you to be so good as to obtain sanction of Government under Section 38(2) of the Town Municipalities Act for the disposal of the site for an upset price as suggested by the Municipal Council

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Asst Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District

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SUBJECT

Section 76
File No 888-424
Serial No 94

Diary No of letter replied to

No L.2879

General and Revenue Secretariat

To The ~~Broadcast~~, Deputy Comr, Kolar Dt

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the 194

Date of issue 4/10/45

Signed by M Sreenivasan

I, I write refer to your letter no A5 C 2094/44-45 8774 4945 in front of a ~~site~~ to me T.P. Hussain for the construction of a cinema, I am directed to state that the Govt have no objection to ~~the~~ utilise the site for the construction of a cinema theatre in accordance with the conditions prescribed in the municipal restriction

in Bowringpet Municipality

meaning 200'+150' uses by the way of a big stand

List of enclosures

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Examined by

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and subject to the new rules for the construction of cinemas. Count would, however, prefer that the site is sold in public auction for the purpose, subject to the above condition so that criticism or allegations of favouritism might be obviated ~~that the Council accepted the highest bid submitted~~ The Council accepted, there is also the likelihood of a higher price for the site.

I am therefore to request you to kindly take such necessary action in the matter as is indicated above and to forward a report thereon for the information of Count

Records accompany

Yours
for
Town Clerk

PH 2c 145-46
Encls

The Palace,
Mysore 23rd Jany 1946

1) Back letter
2) Rev Seely
for calling for
a report
for

Dear Mr Pulla Reddi,

I herewith enclose two representations received from Rev H A Townsley, Methodist Church, Raichur, and other Indian Christians of Bowringpet protesting against the construction of a Cinema close to the Roman Catholic Church at Bowringpet, for favour of disposal

Yours sincerely,

H. Lumsbrooches

OFFICE
2473/45

O Pulla Reddi, Esq , M A., I.C.S.,
Minister for Revenue, Bangalore.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

Immediate

To, L 7950/2cn
S.L.G.
The D.C. Kolaba

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith two petitions (in original) addressed to the private secretary to H.H. the — one signed by the Rev H A Tomas of Methodist church, Rans and the other by the pole protestant christians of Borsingpet Town protesting against the ~~alleged~~ construction of a cinema close to the Roman catholic church at Borsingpet and to request you to submit a detailed report thereon within a week

The petitions may then be returned along with the report

Thereafter Forwarded

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MR K GURU DUTT
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

D O No A5 C 83/45-46
Encl File & 2 petns

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
KOLAR DISTRICT,

Kolar Dated the 19th-Febry 1946

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To

The Secretary to Government
of Mysore, Revenue Department, Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter No L 7950/dated 5th Febry 1946 forwarding for report two petitions addressed to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja, protesting against the construction of a cinema close to the Roman Catholic Church at Bowringpet, I have the honour to state as follows The question of granting the site for the construction of a cinema theatre originated as far back as September 1944 At that time some objections against the grant of the site for the purpose were brought to the notice of the Municipal Council They were mostly from the Muslim residents of the neighbourhood who thought that the location of a cinema theatre there would cause inconvenience to the movement of their womenfolk and that if the site is disposed of at all, it should be given for building houses The Municipal Council considered this and similar objections brought forward at the time and resolved that the site might preferably be given for the construction of a cinema, as it was unsuited for the construction of dwelling houses, being too close to the tank The Municipal Council proposed the grant of this site at an upset price to one Mr T.P Hussein for construction of a cinema It is stated that Mr Israel, a leading member of the local Roman Catholic community and a member of that Church participated in the discussions during the several meetings but did not press any objection to the disposal of the site This was recommended by me to the Government The utilisation of the site in question for the construction of a cinema theatre was approved by Government who directed that the site should be sold in public auction so as to avoid criticism or allegations of favouritism and also as there was every

every likelihood of higher bids being secured. (vide letter No.L.2879/M1 88-44-94 dated 4-10-1945 from the Additional Secretary to Government.) Accordingly the site was put up for auction after advertisement in the local papers and wide publicity It has fetched a bid of Rs.11050-0-0

2 After the sale was advertised in the newspapers objection petitions were received from the Priest in charge of the Roman Catholic Church and Roman Catholic residents of Bowringpet and subsequently from Mr Townsley of Raichur and from the Protestant Christians of Bowringpet also. The main objections raised by the Catholic Christians are that cinema shows in the proximity would be an annoyance to worshippers during evening and midnight services on feast days and during occasional adorations in other parts of the year. The Municipal Council, at their meeting held on 2-2-1946 held these objections to be untenable and resolved to confirm the sale held. The resolution has been reaffirmed at a special meeting convened on the 14th inst, to reconsider the matter on the receipt of the petitions now sent for report The Municipal Council have resolved at their latest meeting that if a detailed list of the dates and time of Church services should be furnished by the Church authorities, it will be recorded in the Municipal office and the cinema proprietors requested to stop their shows whenever necessary and that orders of Government may be obtained for confirmation of the sale as a very large sum has been realised therein

3 I have seen the site in question It is no doubt situated behind the Roman Catholic Church. The Roman Catholic population of Bowringpet is however, small, being perhaps only a little over 100 ; The Church itself is a tiny building on the main road where there will be much noise and bustle till late in the evenings especially on shandy days The location of a cinema behind the Church

will no doubt be a disturbance to some extent, but as opined by the Municipal Council, it will only be occasional and could be remedied in the manner proposed In any case, such disturbance from one cause or another will be inevitable for a Church located on a busy thoroughfare in a growing town like Bowringpet In view of these circumstances and of the fact that a very high price has been realised as anticipated by Government, which will go a long way to augment the funds of the Municipality and make it possible for them to undertake much-needed works of public utility like the improvement of the water supply, the present sale may perhaps be confirmed by Government The Amildar has however been asked to stay further action in the matter till final orders of Government are received

The complete records ending with Amildar's report dated 15-2-1946 are enclosed for kind reference and return The two petitions received from you for report are herewith returned

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Camp Chikballapur
19th Febry , 1946

19-2-46
Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District

THE METHODIST CHURCH
SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE
RAICHUR DISTRICT

HENDRIX A TOWNSLEY
SUPERINTENDENT
K G MITRA
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
Y SAMUEL
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
P O SIRWAR VIA RAICHUR

RAICHUR DECCAN SOUTH IND

18th Jan 1946

To the Private Secretary to
His Highness the Maharajah
of MYSORE

SUBJECT PROPOSED ERECTION OF CINEMA IN BOWRINGPET

Dear Sir

We are under the impression that there is a proposal to erect a cinema near the Roman Catholic Church in Bowringpet. This, it seems to us, will interfere with the normal function of the Church there, and we understand that the Roman Catholics have objected to this We wish to add our protest to the proposed plan and invite your attention to the accompanying petition of many of our Protestant Christians of Bowringpet

Trusting that this will receive your early attention, we rmain, Sincerely,

H A Townsley, District Superintendent
Bangalore District,
The Methodist Church

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Bowringpet
16th January 1946

From

The Protestant Christians,

Bowringpet.

To

The Private Secretary,

to His Highness the Maharaja

of Mysore, Mysore

Sir,

We the Protestant Christians of Bowringpet most respectfully petition your honour to kindly prohibit the proposed erection of a Cinema close to the Roman Catholic Church at Bowringpet We have petitioned the President of the Municipal Council, Bowringpet, in the matter and a copy of the same is enclosed herein for your honour's kind perusal We further understand that the Roman Catholic have also petitioned in this matter.

We remain,

Most respectfully yours

G.M.S Lewis

Pastor,

Methodist Church,

Bowringpet.

Mrs Dennis

(Mrs) R B Martin

D Sathyanathan

K P Abraham

K Padmaksham

M Samuels

Hugh H Lewis M D

All India Missions

Dobbs Industries.

Mrs (Dr) Samuel
(Mrs) R B Manikam
Jayanathan
K P Abraham
K Padmakshaam
N Samuels
Samuel
N Sampurnamma
J Hemalatha
Bhagyamma
A Lokam
N Jayamma
V Vivekamma
Jeevamma
Mrs Joshua
Mrs Esther
Mrs P Joshua
K manikya
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Mrs David Satyanatha
[illegible]
John Zechariah
[illegible]
Yours [illegible]
[illegible]
Doris Samuel
[illegible]
E Maryamma

Yours
Pastor
Methodist Church
Bowringpet.
All India mission
Jobless Industry
Minnie L Linn
Katherine J Ulmstead
P.S.S.
[illegible]
[illegible]
Mrs B Browne
Mr P Browne
Mr H Ambrose
A S Conway
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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*)

9145/WR 9/3/46.

To

The D.C Kolar Dist

Sir,

With reference to the Correspondence ending with Your ~~Dis~~ letter no As C 83/45-46 dated 9th February 1946 Submitting a report regarding the protest of the Roman Catholic Residents of Bowringpet Town for the Construction of a Cinema near their Church and Stating that if a detailed list of the dates & Time of Church Services is received from the Church authorities, the Cinema proprietors will be

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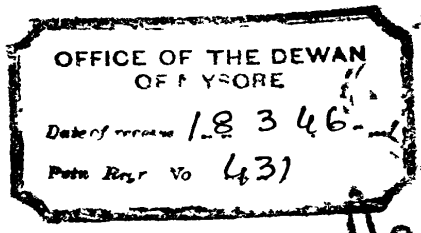
be Requested to Stop
their Shows whereever
necessary etc, I am
directed to request
You to be so good as
to Send for the Representatives
of the Mission & to
discuss with them the
position on the Spot and ascertain their views if they would be agreeable to the arrangement proposed above
A final Report in the
~~matter~~ may be
Submitted to Govt
within a fortnight in the matter
The records are returned herewith for necessary action & return
I have the etc

for

for Secretary to Govt
Revenue Deptt



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To

Sir T Thambu chetty, Esqr BA,
Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore

From

Rev Fr C Anthappa M cf
R C Church, Bowringpet

Sir,

I beg to bring to your kind notice that the Catholics of Bowringpet protested against the sale of a cinema site adjacent to the R C Church, after they saw an advertisement in the "Jan Nadu" newspaper of 26-12-1945 but the Amildar allowed the auction to take place

We now approach you, Sir, to put in a word on behalf of the Catholics of Bowringpet to the authorities to select another more convenient site for a cinema theatre in the Mysore municipal area, as the auctioned site may kindly be reserved for constructing houses

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

C. Anthappa
Parish Priest

Bowringpet
23rd Feb 1946

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No L 10071

To

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Sir,

In continuation of this office letter no L 9145 d 9/3/46 calling for certain a report on the protest made by the church authorities at Bowringpet re the construction of a cinema at the place, I am directed to forward herewith for information a copy of letter d 23-2-46 addressed by one Fr C Anthappa, parish priest to the Private Secretary to H H the Maharaja

on the same subject.

~~I have and shall~~

If the report already called for on
the matter, ~~may be~~ may be sent
Very early

Sincerely

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MR K GURU DUTT
Deputy Commissioner

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26th March'46

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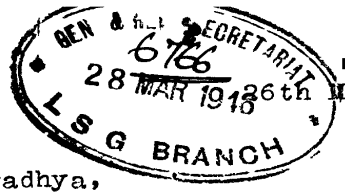

Dear Mr Mallaradhya,

Construction of a cinema near the R C Church in Bowringpet

With reference to your letter No L 9145/WR dated the 9th instant I write to state that I had a talk yesterday with Rev Father Anthappa, the Priest who is in charge of the Church I could not do it earlier as he was away and not available He has promised to give me his considered opinion early after consulting the Bishop of Bangalore A final report will be sent up after I hear from him

Yours sincerely,

7 For these reasons I object strongly to the proposal and request you not to grant permission for the building of a cinema hall near the church in Bowringpet

MR K GURU DUTT
Deputy Commissioner

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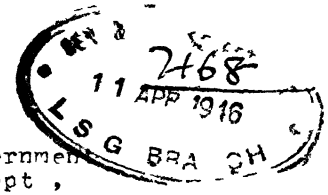

To

The Secretary to Government
of Mysore, Revenue Dept ,
Old Public Offices,
Bangalore

Sir,

Construction of a cinema near the R C Church in Bowringpet

With reference to your letter No L 10071 dated 29th March 1946 and in continuation of my D O No A5 C 83/45-46 dated 26th March'46, I have the honour to enclose herewith for the information of Government, a copy of letter * dated 7-4-1946 received from Rev C Anthappa, R C Priest in charge of the Church at Bowringpet objecting to the location of the proposed cinema in the proximity of the Church at Bowringpet

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner

With reference to your letter dated 26th March, 1946 asking for my considered opinion concerning the erection of a cinema close to the Roman Catholic Church in Bowringpet, I beg to state that the proposal is highly objectionable for the following reasons

1 The cinema is to be constructed close to a public place of worship The compound wall of the church and the proposed building are only 10 ft apart The disturbance caused to worshippers in the church by the cinema shows will create considerable disquiet among the Christian public and perhaps give rise to communal bitterness

2 Loud-speakers will be installed to advertise the shows at various hours of the day, chiefly before the performances

3 On sundays, which are sacred to Christians, who attend services morning and evening, they will be put to great inconvenience The proposal to arrange cinema shows at hours when services are not held in the church can never be satisfactory Our churches are open during the evening especially when several go to church to say their prayers Further, at Easter and Christmas which are important festivals for Christians, and when the churches are more crowded, the annoyance caused to worshippers will be very serious

4 Evening services will last till 7-30, which means that the cinema can have only one show There may be a clamour on the part of the public for more shows early in the evening and this will likely bring about a clash between Christians and other sections of the public

5 The residence of the priest is close to church and cinema He will also be subjected to considerable inconvenience

6 The Christian public, particularly Catholics of the locality, seriously object to the location of the cinema close to the church

7 For these reasons I object strongly to the proposal and request you not to grant permission for the building of a cinema hall near the church in Bowringpet

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To

The D C Kolaba

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No A5 C 83/45 & 10/8/46 re the disposal of a site near the Roman Catholic church at Bowbunglet for the construction of a cinema, I am directed to state that govt are not in favour of confirming the sale of the same site, as recommended by you in your letter ~~no your letter~~ dt

AS c 2094/44 917/4/45 for the purpose in question, and that they in the circumstances brought to their notice consider it best to drop the matter once for all. Action may therefore be taken to in the above circumstances, the the sale amount deposited by the unsuccessful bidder may be refunded to him early

Yours etc

[illegible] 26/4/
for Secretary